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Subject: 60 Day Annual closure

July 6 2010

Ref: 60 Day Annual Closure.

Damon:

Please post the attached letter on the ORVAC web site. The ORVAC should have all O related information available.

Thanks



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July 4 2010

Ref: 60 Day Annual ORV Closure

Superintendent Ramos:

We hereby request the date and specific purpose for the implementation of the 60 day Preserve closure to ORV's. Assuming there was a some justification for the original Annual closure we maintain that due to the extremely low number of ORV's in the Preserve today the closure is no longer necessary.

During the 2008/2009 combined eleven week Muzzleloading Gun and General Gun hunting seasons an ORV trailer count was made by the Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance. All ORV's are transported to the Preserve on trailers. The results of that ORV count established that there was an average of 122 ORV's per week in the Preserve during this eleven week period. This count was taken on week end at all entry points from Oasis Station to Bear Island. By noon Monday 90 percent of the trailers were gone. 122 ORV's spread out over 580,000 acres averages one ORV per 4,500 acres. During the summer and off season this number is probably reduced 80 to 90 percent. Based on the above we would expect there to be only a dozen or so ORV's per week in the Preserve during June and July.

For the record, in my 30 plus wonderful years in the Preserve I have yet to pass a hiker in the interior of the Preserve. We went hiking in the Addition Lands with some members of the Sierra Club. We hiked about one mile in and out on a nice old buggy trail.

Any restrictions placed on ORV and other rights in the Preserve by the NPS should be monitored and removed when the factual reason for the restriction no longer exists.

We hereby request that the 60 day Preserve closure to ORV's be promptly removed or justification for the continuation of the closure be produced.

Will look forward to your written response to the above.

Sincerely
Lyle McCandless
Pres. BCSA
Member DMTAG